Amendments to the Claims:

1 (Currently amended):   A method of automatically adjusting the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

        selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

        engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed object;

        in response to engaging the electronic pen with the computer-displayed object, determining the height of the computer-displayed object; and

        automatically setting the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height.

2 (original):   The method of Claim 1, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter pen with a computer-displayed object includes engaging the electronic highlighting device with a computer-displayed text selection.

3 (original):   The method of Claim 2, whereby the computer-displayed text selection includes a typed text selection.

4 (original):   The method of Claim 2, whereby the computer-displayed text selection includes a handwritten text selection.

5 (original):   The method of Claim 1, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter pen with a computer-displayed object includes engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed image.

6 (original):   The method of Claim 1, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to the computer-displayed object.

7 (original):   The method of Claim 6, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter pen with a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection.

8 (original):   The method of Claim 7, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed typed text selection.

9 (original):   The method of Claim 7, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

10 (original):   The method of Claim 6, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed image.

11 (original):   The method of Claim 1, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed object includes determining the height of a computer-displayed text selection.

12 (original):   The method of Claim 11, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection includes determining the height of a computer-displayed typed text selection.

13 (original):   The method of Claim 12, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed typed text selection includes determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection based on a font size of the computer-displayed typed text selection.

14 (original):   The method of Claim 11, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection includes determining the height of a computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

15 (original):   The method of Claim 14, whereby determining the height of a computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

16 (original):   The method of Claim 14, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection based on the maximum height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection including the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

17 (original):   The method of Claim 11, whereby if the computer-displayed text selection is displayed on a computer-generated display having rule lines, determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection to be the distance between a pair of rule lines displayed on the computer-generated display.

18 (original):   The method of Claim 1, further comprising distributing the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed object.

19 (original):   The method of Claim 1, whereby selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device includes selecting an electronic mousing device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device; and

whereby engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed object includes focusing a cursor of the electronic mousing device over the computer-displayed object and

clicking the electronic mousing device for distributing electronic ink onto the computer-displayed object.

20 (Currently amended):   A method of automatically adjusting the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

selecting an electronic input device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object;

in response to engaging the electronic highlighter device with the computer-displayed object, determining the height of the computer-displayed object; and

automatically setting the electronic ink height of the electronic device to the determined height.

21 (original): The method of Claim 20, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes engaging the electronic highlighting device with a computer-displayed text selection.

22 (original): The method of Claim 21, whereby the computer-displayed text selection includes a typed text selection.

23 (original): The method of Claim 21, whereby the computer-displayed text selection includes a handwritten text selection.

24 (original): The method of Claim 20, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed image.

25 (original): The method of Claim 20, whereby the electronic highlighter device includes an electronic pen.

26 (original): The method of Claim 25, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to the computer-displayed object.

27 (original): The method of Claim 26, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection.

28 (original): The method of Claim 27, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed typed text selection.

29 (original): The method of Claim 27, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed text selection includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

30 (original): The method of Claim 26, whereby touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed object includes touching a tip of the electronic pen to a computer-displayed image.

31 (original): The method of Claim 20, whereby the electronic highlighting device includes an electronic mousing device.

32 (original): The method of Claim 31, whereby engaging the electronic highlighter device with a computer-displayed object includes focusing a mousing device cursor on the computer-displayed object; and clicking the mousing device.

33 (original): The method of Claim 32, whereby focusing the mousing device cursor on the computer-displayed object includes focusing the mousing device cursor on a computer-displayed text selection.

34 (original): The method of Claim 33, whereby focusing the mousing device cursor on the computer-displayed text selection includes focusing the mousing device cursor on a computer-displayed typed text selection.

35 (original): The method of Claim 33, whereby focusing the mousing device cursor on the computer-displayed text selection includes focusing the mousing device cursor on a computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

36 (original): The method of Claim 32, whereby focusing the mousing device cursor on the computer-displayed object includes focusing the mousing cursor on a computer-displayed image.

37 (original): The method of Claim 20, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed object includes determining the height of a computer-displayed text selection.

38 (original): The method of Claim 37, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection includes determining the height of a computer-displayed typed text selection.

39 (original): The method of Claim 38, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed typed text selection includes determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection based on the font size of the computer-displayed typed text selection.

40 (original): The method of Claim 37, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection includes determining the height of a computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

41 (original): The method of Claim 40, whereby the determining the height of a computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

42 (original): The method of Claim 40, whereby determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection based on the maximum height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection including the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

43 (original): The method of Claim 37, whereby if the computer-displayed text selection is displayed on a computer-generated display having rule lines, determining the height of the computer-displayed text selection to be the distance between a pair of rule lines displayed on the computer-generated display.

44 (original): The method of Claim 20, further comprising distributing the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed object.

45 (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium containing computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer automatically adjust the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

        selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed <u>handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~;

determining the height of the computer-displayed <u>handwritten text selection, wherein determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes at least one member of a group comprising: determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, and determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection based on the maximum height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection including the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~; and

setting the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height.

46 (Currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 45, further comprising distributing the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed <u>handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~.

47 (Currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 45, whereby selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device includes selecting an electronic mousing device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device; and

whereby engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed<u> handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~ includes focusing a cursor of the electronic mousing device over the computer-displayed <u>handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~ and clicking the electronic mousing device for distributing electronic ink onto the computer-displayed <u>handwritten text selection</u> ~~object~~.